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**TO THE**  
**GODMANCHESTER BOROUGH COUNCIL.**

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MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year ending  
December 31st, 1946.

The Borough as in previous years is still very fully inhabited.

Many of the houses are neglected and in poor condition, some of them are well worth repair when this can be done.

An extensive clearance scheme has been prepared and plans for a new housing estate made.

The water supply is adequate and a sewage system on modern lines, a very necessary undertaking, is being put in hand as soon as possible.

The health of the community has been good.

**Staff.**

*Medical Officer of Health:*

J. R. GARROOD, M.D., D.P.H.

*Sanitary Inspector:*

F. G. LANE, A.M.I.S.E.

### Statistics & Social Conditions.

|  |     |     |     |     |      |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| Live Births                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 45   |
| Legitimate                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41   |
| Illegitimate                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4    |
| Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated             |     |     |     |     |      |
| resident population                              |     |     | ... | ... | 12·6 |
| England and Wales                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19·1 |
| Still Births                                     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5    |
| Still Birth rate per 1000 total (live            |     |     |     |     |      |
| and still) births                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 100  |
| Death Rates                                      |     |     |     |     |      |
| Death rate per 1000 of the estimated             |     |     |     |     |      |
| resident population                              |     |     | ... | ... | 10·7 |
| England and Wales                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11·5 |
| Death Rate from Puerperal causes                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 0    |
| Death Rate of Infants under one year of age ;—   |     |     |     |     |      |
| All Infants per 1000 live births                 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 66·6 |
| England and Wales                                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 43   |
| Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate          |     |     |     |     |      |
| live Births                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24·3 |
| Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live |     |     |     |     |      |
| births   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 500  |

### Causes of Death.

|                                      |     |     |     | Male | Female |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------|--------|
| Tuberculosis                         | ... | ... | ... | 1    | —      |
| Cancer of Stomach & Duodenum         | ... | ... | ... | 1    | 1      |
| Cancer of all other sites            | ... | ... | ... | —    | 1      |
| Diabetes                             | ... | ... | ... | —    | 1      |
| Intracranial vascular Lesions        | ... | ... | ... | —    | 2      |
| Heart Disease                        | ... | ... | ... | 1    | 1      |
| Other dis. of circ. system           | ... | ... | ... | —    | 1      |
| Bronchitis                           | ... | ... | ... | 1    | 1      |
| Other Resp. Disease                  | ... | ... | ... | 1    | —      |
| Ulcer of Stomach & Duodenum          | ... | ... | ... | 1    | —      |
| Other Digestive Diseases             | ... | ... | ... | —    | 1      |
| Premature Birth                      | ... | ... | ... | 1    | —      |
| Con. Mal. birth inj. infant. disease | ... | ... | ... | 1    | —      |
| Other violent causes                 | ... | ... | ... | 2    | —      |
| All other causes                     | ... | ... | ... | 1    | 3      |
| All causes                           | ... | ... | ... | 11   | 12     |

### General Provision of Health Services for the Area.

The provision of health services within the area generally remains unaltered.

### Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

No undertakings of any importance have been carried out during the past twelve months and generally the circumstances are unaltered.

### Inspection and Supervision of Food.

The routine visits of inspection in connection with this work have been carried out as in past years.

### Sanitary Inspector's Report.

Herewith is a summary of work caused to be done during 1946.

|                                    |                            |     |
|------------------------------------|----------------------------|-----|
| Total number of Inspections made   | ...                        | 226 |
| Notices served                     | ... ..                     | 12  |
| (Informal 22 Statutory 8.)         |                            |     |
| Complaints received                | ... Total No. of           | 226 |
| Premises, Houses, etc.             | .. No. inspected           | 226 |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | 226 |
| Pool, ditch, gutter, water-course  | ... .. No. inspected       | —   |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | —   |
| Animals improperly kept            | ... .. No. inspected       | —   |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | —   |
| Privy, Urinal, cesspool, ash-pit   | ... .. No. inspected       | —   |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | —   |
| Drain, Drain-traps, etc.           | ... .. No. inspected       | 10  |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | 10  |
| House, or part thereof overcrowded | ... .. No. inspected       | 5   |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | 1   |
| Smoke nuisances                    | ... .. No. of observations | —   |
|                                    | Nuisances abated           | —   |

|  |     |  |     |    |
|--|-----|--|-----|----|
| Infectious Diseases                                | ... | Houses affected                          | ... | 33 |
|  |     | Houses inspected                         | ... | 2  |
|  |     | No. of inspections                       | ... | 2  |
|  |     | Houses disinfected                       | ... | 2  |
| Offensive accumulations                            | ... | No. inspected                            | ... | —  |
|  |     | Nuisances abated                         | ... | —  |
| Other sanitary conditions                          |     | No. inspected                            | ... | —  |
|  |     | Nuisances abated                         | ... | —  |
| Lodging Houses                                     | ... | No. registered                           | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. of inspections                       | ... | —  |
| Slaughter Houses                                   | ... | No. licensed or registered               | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. of inspections                       | ... | —  |
| Offensive trades (sec. 112 P.<br>Health Act, 1875) | ... | No. established                          | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. of inspections                       | ... | —  |
| Canal Boats  | ... | No. registered                           | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. of inspections                       | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. with infectious<br>diseases on board | ... | —  |
| Housing Act, 1936                                  | ... | No. houses condemned                     | ... | 4  |
|  |     | No. closed                               | ... | 2  |
|  |     | No. cleaned and<br>limewashed            | ... | —  |
| Food—seizures of unwhole-<br>some                  | ... | No. of                                   | ... | 15 |
| Pail or earth closets                              | ... | New provided                             | ... | 3  |
|  |     | Converted to W.C.s                       | ... | 3  |
| Privy Middens                                      | ... | New provided                             | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. repaired                             | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. converted to pails                   | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. converted to W.C.s                   | ... | 1  |
| Water closets                                      | ... | New provided                             | ... | 6  |
|  |     | No. supplied with water                  | ... | 6  |
| Ashpits  | ... | New provided                             | ... | —  |
|  |     | No. converted to ashbins                 | ... | —  |
| Ashbins  | ... | New provided                             | ... | 6  |



|              |     |   |   |   |
|--------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Water Supply | ... | { | Samples taken for analysis                    | — |
|              |     |   | Samples condemned ...                         | — |
|              |     |   | Wells closed ...                              | 1 |
|              |     |   | Well cleansed,<br>repaired, etc. ...          | — |
|              |     |   | Public supply substituted<br>for well or pond | 1 |
|              |     |   | Cisterns cleansed, repaired<br>covered ...    | — |
|              |     |   | Waste pipes disconnected<br>from drain ...    | 1 |

A satisfactory piped supply is provided from Huntingdon. The wells are doubtful.

|                                |                 |                           |     |   |
|--------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------|-----|---|
| Housing, etc., Act 1909        | ...             | No. of houses closed      | ... | — |
|                                |                 | No. houses made habitable | ... | — |
|                                |                 | No. houses demolished     | ... | 1 |
| Building Bye Laws adopted      | ...             | ...                       | ... | — |
| Total Legal proceedings, i.e., | Summonses, etc. | ...                       | ... | — |
|                                | Convictions     | ...                       | ... | — |

#### Factory and Workshop Act, 1937.

|  |     |     |  |          |
|--|-----|-----|--|----------|
| Factories                                | ... | ... | Total number on register<br>(including bakehouses) | 10       |
|  |     |     | No. in which nuisances<br>abated                   | ... .. — |
| Bakehouses                               | ... | ... | No. on register                                    | ... .. 1 |
|  |     |     | No. in which nuisances<br>abated                   | ... .. — |
| Home Work                                | ... | ... | No. of outworkers                                  | ... .. — |
|  |     |     | No. of houses                                      | ... .. — |
|  |     |     | No. of infected houses                             | ... .. — |
| Legal Proceedings, i.e., Summonses, etc. | ... | ... | ...  | ... .. — |
|  |     |     | Convictions  | ... .. — |

F. G. LANE, *Sanitary Inspector.*

J. R. GARROOD, M.O.H.  
20th March, 1947.



### Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops Order.

#### Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of Milk (Milk Sellers.)

|   |     |     |     |     |    |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. in District   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| No. Registered  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| No. of Inspections of Premises                                      | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |
| No. of Inspections during Milking Time                              | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
| No. of Premises required Whitewashing,<br>Cleansing, etc.           | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| No. in which requirements of Sanitary<br>Authority were carried out | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1  |
| No. of Premises requiring Structural<br>or Sanitary Improvements    | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |
| No. in which requirements of Sanitary<br>Authority were carried out | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |
| Have Regulations been adopted                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |
| Premises with Well Water Supply—                                    |     |     |     |     |    |
| No. of  | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4  |
| No. of, from which water analysed                                   | ... | ... | ... | ... | —  |

#### Dairymen, Cowkeepers and Purveyors of milk (Butter and Cheese Makers)

|                                |     |     |     |     |    |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| No. in District                | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| No. of Inspections of Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | 48 |

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### Housing Statistics.

|   |     |     |     |     |     |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| No. of houses inspected                                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 226 |
| No. found unfit   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| No. of representations made to Local Authority                | ... | ... | ... | ... | —   |
| No. of Closing Orders   | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6   |
| No. of houses with defects remedied<br>without Closing Orders | ... | ... | ... | ... | —   |
| No. of houses made habitable after<br>Closing Order           | ... | ... | ... | ... | —   |
| Any compulsory demolition?                                    | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4   |
| No. of houses unfit, but still occupied                       | ... | ... | ... | ... | —   |

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20th March, 1947.

Sanitary Inspector.

Table showing the incidence of notifiable diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1946.

| Disease.       |     |     |     |     |   |
|----------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Scarlet Fever  | ..  | ..  | ... |     | 1 |
| Pneumonia      | ... | ... | ... | ..  | 8 |
| Measles        | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Whooping Cough | ..  | ... | ..  |     | 8 |
| Erysipelas     | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Jaundice       | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |

Diphtheria.

Immunisation of School Children is done by M.O.H. at the Schools, as well as some infants between 1 and 5 years.

Infants under 5 are Immunised by the Infant Welfare Authority (Hunts C. C.)

## Tuberculosis.

| Age<br>Periods    | New Cases   |    |                 |    | Deaths.     |    |                 |    |
|-------------------|-------------|----|-----------------|----|-------------|----|-----------------|----|
|                   | Respiratory |    | Non-Respiratory |    | Respiratory |    | Non-Respiratory |    |
|                   | M.          | F. | M.              | F. | M.          | F. | M.              | F. |
| 0 ...             |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 1 ...             |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 5 ...             |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 15 ...            |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 25 ...            | 1           |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 35 ...            | 1           | 1  |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 45 ...            |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 55 ...            |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| 65 and<br>upwards |             |    |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |
| Total             | 2           | 1  |                 |    |             |    |                 |    |

No action was found to be necessary under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, in connection with persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade, or under section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, which deals with the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from tuberculosis.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. R. GARROOD,

*Medical Officer of Health.*





